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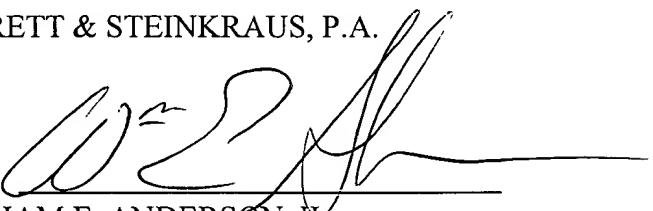
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Pursuant to MPEP §2001.06(b), no copies of cited art in a previous applications to which priority was claimed need be submitted. Applicant is providing copies of the 1449 Forms filed in these cases for the Examiner's convenience and easy reference.

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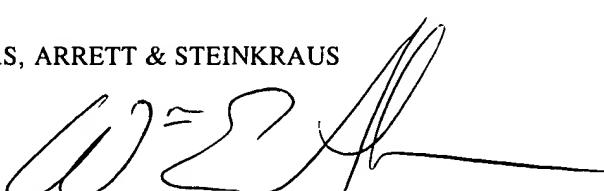
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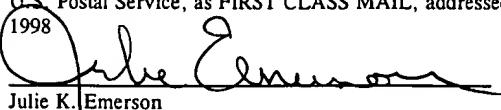
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